

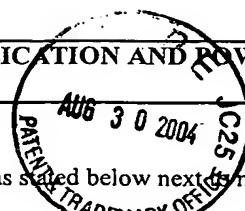
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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**PEARLESCENT PIGMENTS BASED ON SELECTIVELY ABSORBING LAYERS OF CHALCOGENIDE,
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the specification of which (check only one item below):

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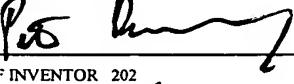
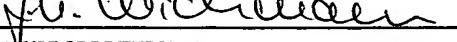
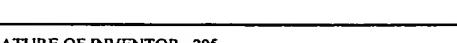
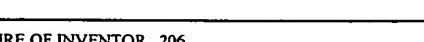
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